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SUBJ: SOMALIA DENIES REPORTS OF CHASHES WITH ETHIOPIAN TROOPS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1108

1. FEBRUARY 27 EDITION OF SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BULLETIN CARRIED GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN'S DENIAL OF PRESS REPORTS ALLEGING CLASHES BETWEEN SOMALI REGULAR TROOPS AND ETHIOPIAN FORCES IN THE OGADEN. SPOKESMAN ATTRIBUTED REPORTBD TO "IMPERIALIST" SOURCES (UPI WAS MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY) WHICH TRYING TO STIR UP TROUBLE BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS. SOMALI DENIAL SAID THAT UPI HAD GOTTEN STORY FROM "USAID PILOT" WHO HAD OVERFLOWN THE AREA.

2. COMMENT: LIKE EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA, WE HAVE NOT SEEN FULL STORY AND, THUS, CANNOT JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT SONNA PORTRAYED UPI PIECE ACCURATELY. GSDR APPARENTLY VIEWS THIS EPISODE AS YET ANOTHER EFFORT BY US TO TARNISH SOMALI IMAGE. FACT THAT USG DOES NOT CONTROL US MEDIA IS LOST ON GSDR. IF THIS CASE, EVEN IF GSDR ACCEPTED REALITY OF INDEPENDENT US MEDIA, BECAUSE SOURCE OF UPI ITEM WAS USG EMPLOYEE GSDR PROBABLY ASSUMES REPORT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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